

REMARKS

Amendments to Claims

Claims 25 and 28 have been amended to correct spelling errors.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following four groups:

Group 1, claims 1-30 and 55, drawn to a microarray.

Group 2, claims 31 and 56, drawn to an article of manufacture.

Group 3, claims 32-51 and 57, drawn to method for assaying an analyte.

Group 4, claims 52-54 and 58, drawn to a kit.

Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute Group 1 (claims 1-30 and 55), drawn to a microarray. Claims 1-30 and 55 encompass the elected invention.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants respectfully request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket No. 514572002100. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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